



ARC-OVER

January 2015

"Amateur Radio Parity Act" Campaign Will Resume in New Congress

The ARRL Letter, December 18, 2014

Largely as the result of a grassroots campaign, "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" ([H.R. 4969](#)) attracted the support of 69 members of the US House of Representatives in addition to that of its sponsor, Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL). While the just-adjourned 113th Congress did not enact the bill, the effort to gain passage of the legislation will begin anew when the 114th Congress convenes in January. Introduced with bipartisan support last June, H.R. 4969 called on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions regarding antennas. The limited PRB-1 pre-emption currently applies only to state and municipal land-use ordinances. The FCC has indicated its reluctance to provide the same legal protections from private land-use agreements -- often called covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) -- without direction from Congress. ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, stressed this week that the fight is not over.

"While we are disappointed that the bill did not make it through the process during the session, the effort was extremely energized by the efforts of thousands of ARRL members who participated in our grassroots lobbying effort," Henderson said. "In just 6 short months we gained tremendous traction for the Amateur Radio Parity Act."

Henderson explained that sometime after the new Congress is called into session in January, a new "Amateur Radio Parity Act" bill with a new number will be introduced into the US House. "Once this happens, the ARRL will gear up for a fresh effort to push this legislation forward," he added.

In a note to ARRL Section Managers this week, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, thanked Section leaders and Field Organization volunteers on behalf of the ARRL Board of Directors and Headquarters staff for their help in garnering legislative support for H.R. 4969. "We had hoped to gain 30 co-sponsors for the bill and ultimately ended up with 69, plus the sponsor," Sumner noted. "The overwhelming majority of these 70 supporters are returning in January, which gives us a good base on which to grow additional support."

Sumner said the objective for 2015 is to continue the momentum, gathering enough support to move the bill through the Energy and Commerce Committee. "We have received expressions of interest from the Senate side and are hoping to have the bill introduced there as well," he added.

Henderson said the bill would not have attained its current level of support in the US House without the thousands of letters and phone calls made by ARRL members to their congressional representatives. "The success of this crucial issue relies on the efforts of *all* radio amateurs and ARRL members," he said. "We know you will step forward in the new year, when we renew our efforts on Capitol Hill."

The ARRL H.R. 4969 web page provides [additional information](#).

Merced Memorial Honors Japanese-American Internees

Merced Sun Star, The Associated Press, Monday, February 22, 2010

MERCED, Calif. – A new memorial now stands in the Merced County to remember the thousands of Japanese – Americans who were forced to relocate there during World War II.

More than 150 former internees and their families gathered over the weekend to dedicate the plaza with the statue of a little girl sitting atop a pile of suitcases. A local committee raised \$250,000 for the project, with a \$25,000 grant from the National Parks Service.

The plaza replaces an old plaque that Congressman Dennis Carsoza had said was an inadequate memorial. More than 4,600 Japanese-Americans were interned in unroofed barracks at the Merced County Fairgrounds, beginning in 1942, after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Saturday's ceremony also honored Japanese-American veterans who had enlisted as a way to prove their patriotism even as their families lived behind barbed wire.

[Http://www.mercedsun-star.com](http://www.mercedsun-star.com)

Sam Okuye, WB6NVR a local ham as a youngster was interned along with his family at the Amache Japanese - American internment camp near Granada, Colorado.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Granada_War_Relocation_Center

Upon moving to Atwater in 1974, I soon became acquainted with Sam and counted him as a true friend. Sam was outgoing and helpful in all respects. He would literally give you the shirt off his back. His passing was a sad day in all our lives.



You see, back in 1943 when my family migrated to California for the second time, my uncle Guy Morgan a local Livingston rancher had contracted with the U.S. Government to farm a number of the local Japanese - American ranches. We lived on one such ranch located on the south west corner of Cressey Way and Olive Avenue between Livingston and Winton.

For years, not remembering, I kept meaning to ask my folks where the ranch was... My dad having passed away and mom not remembering, I ran across George Runyan a fellow aviator at the Ballico Airport one week end. George and his family lived with us in the small duplex farm labor quarters on the ranch. When he told me that it was on the south west corner of Cressey Way & Olive Avenue, I exclaimed "That's the Okuye Ranch"... That's right, he replied... I was deeply saddened that I had not known this while Sam was still alive...

While Sam was vacationing at the Amache Camp with his family I was living on his family's ranch playing with his toys. I especially remember a little metal open cab, stake bed truck that had a steering wheel that actually worked. Also remember the first tumble washing machine I ever saw. It was located in the bottom of the tank house and mom used it for our laundry... The ranch grew peaches and had it's own dry yard. The peaches were halved, pitted and placed on drying trays by the women workers. These trays were stacked several high on small rail cars and placed into the enclosed drying sheds. A sulfur fire was then started in the fire box at the end of the building. After a few hours the tray cars were removed and the trays laid out to dry on supports just off the ground. I remember fondly the taste of hot sulfur flavored peaches. Had to be real careful, you could really burn your lips.

I really regret that circumstances did not allow me to share my experiences with this dear friend... Having done so, it might have given me an opportunity to learn of his experience during the same time frame.

Well as Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story".

With fond memories of my dear friend, Sam.

Grady Williams, K6IXA

For a comprehensive History of the local Japanese – American community, I would encourage you to take the time to visit the Livingston Historical Museum. It is in the old Court House next to the Court Theater on Main Street in Livingston. The time you spend there will give you a true understanding of the patriotism and the sacrifice made by Japanese – American troops from our area in the European Theater during WWII.

Turlock Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

War Memorial Building

Turlock, California

December 9, 2014

Call to Order: A general meeting of the TARC was held at the War Memorial, Turlock, California on December 9, 2014. The meeting convened at 7:01 PM. Ron Roos, KJ6KNL, presiding; Spencer Boyd, KJ6ART, Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ron Roos, KJ6KNL.

In Attendance: Twenty-six members and guests signed in.

CS700 Programming: Spencer, KJ6ART, gave a presentation on programming the CS700.

- **Approval of General Meeting Minutes:** Bambi Schmdt, KI6YQL, made a motion to approve the November General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Darren Nunes, K6RDJ. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Smith, KG6VFL, presented his report.
- **Arc-Over:** The deadline for the January Arc-Over will be December 20th.
- **Repeater Committee:** Grady Williams, K6IXA, discussed the possibility of having space for equipment at the new Turlock Police Department operations center.

Old Business:

- **Repeater Backup Power:** Mike, KG6VFL, said January's program will likely be from a battery dealer outlining battery options.

Board Of Directors Election:

After nominations closed the slate was as follows:

President:	Ron Roos, KJ6KNL
Vice-President:	Dick Decker, K6SUU
Secretary:	Melinda DeCouto, KK6NWP
Treasurer:	Mike Smith, KG6VFL
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Bambi Schmidt, KI6YQL
Members At Large:	Walter Schmidt, KI6PBL Spencer Boyd, KJ6ART

The slate was accepted.

Upcoming Events 2015

Coffee with the Hams	8:30 am Saturdays	Merced Mall Food Court
TARC Board Meeting	January 8th, 6:00 pm	Latif's
TARC General Meeting & Elections	January 13th, 7:00 pm	War Memorial, Turlock
Pacificon	October 16th - 18th	San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon



Mark Your Calendar!

We'll see you all next year
at **PACIFICON 2015** when we return
to our new, old location:

**San Ramon Marriott
San Ramon, CA**

Save the dates:

**Friday through Sunday,
Oct. 16-18, 2015**

Attention TARC Members

The next General Meeting is:

Date Tuesday, January 13

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: War Memorial, Turlock

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